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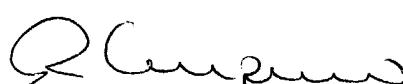
For: REMOVING METALS FROM SOLUTION USING
METAL BINDING COMPOUNDS AND SORBENTS
THEREFOR

PETITION UNDER
M.P.E.P.708.02 V

This is in response to the petition filed February 2, 2004, requesting that the above-identified application be granted Special Status under Sections 708.02 V of the MPEP and 37 CFR 1.102(c) (**no fee required**).

The request for Special Status considered under Section 708.02 V is granted because criteria under 37 CFR 1.102(c) has been met.

Accordingly the petition is **GRANTED**.


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